

FRANCOIS RESUME  
THREE ASSAULTS  
ON VERDUN FRONT

French Admit German Advance at Several Points on Hill 304

GERMANS BUSY IN WOEVRÉ

Kaiser's Legions Dash Forth After Violent Bombardment

PARIS, May 5.

The German offensive on the front northwest of Verdun has been reopened with violence.

The French War Office, in an official communique today, admitted that the Germans had succeeded in penetrating the French lines at several points at Hill 304.

Following a bombardment of the utmost violence the Crown Prince hurled his German legions against the French positions.

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On the west bank of the Meuse and in the Woëvre district there were furious fighting every point the Germans were able to gain a foothold in the French lines at Hill 304.

Hill 304 is a key position and the Germans have been bombarding it with varying intensity for five days.

The text of the official communique follows:

South of the Somme a surprise attack, attempted by the enemy on our trenches in the neighborhood of Cappy, was a complete failure.

West of the Meuse, after an extremely violent bombardment, the Germans late yesterday afternoon made a strong attack on our positions north of Hill 304. They were repulsed on most of the front, but got a foothold in some places in our advanced trenches.

East of the Meuse, in the Woëvre region, there was intermittent artillery activity.

On the rest of the front it was relatively quiet.

SECOND ZEPPELIN LOST  
IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Fire of British Cruiser Wrecks German Airship, Admiralty Announces

LONDON, May 5.—The British Admiralty announced today that a German Zeppelin was destroyed on Thursday by fire from an English cruiser.

This was the second Zeppelin lost within 24 hours, the L-29 having been dashed into the sea by a storm off the Norwegian coast on Wednesday.

The Zeppelin destroyed by the cruiser was the 19th lost by Germany since the war began.

A Zeppelin raided the Anglo-French camp at Salonika early today, but is reported to have been shot down, according to a Reuter dispatch from Athens.

INSTALL CHURCH OFFICERS

Baptist Young People's Union Meets Tonight in Roxborough

The Baptist Young People's Union, of the Roxborough Baptist Church, will hold a meeting tonight for the purpose of installing their newly-elected officers.

Professor Harry Humpstone, of the University of Pennsylvania, will address the meeting.

The officers of the Union are: President, F. Earl Westcott; vice president, Horace E. Birkhart; secretary, Alice Volk; treasurer, Edna Hill. President Westcott will represent the society at the national convention of the Union to be held in Chicago July 5 to 7.

ONE MAN KILLED, 4 HURT

Fatal Results Attend Explosion in Crucible Steel Plant

NEWARK, N. J., May 5.—One man is dead, another dying and two more are in serious condition as the result of an explosion today at the plant of the Crucible Steel Company, Harrison.

Pouring of cold water on metal slag, which was at "white heat" is given by officials of the plant as the cause of the accident.

The dead man was Frank Blizaldo, of Harrison. John Nikolaisak, of Newark, is in a precarious condition. The other men are Joseph Proscakie and Frank Bolinski, of Newark.

RAVENNA BOMBARDED  
BY AUSTRIAN PLANES

Enemy Torpedoboats Engage Italian Squadron While Aircraft Drop Bombs

VIENNA, May 5.—Austrian torpedoboats were engaged in a clash with an Italian squadron in the Adriatic Wednesday while an Austrian squadron was bombarding the Italian city of Ravenna, it was officially announced this afternoon. The statement follows:

On Wednesday afternoon an Austrian naval air squadron bombarded with good effect the sulphur factory and barracks at Ravenna. Flares were observed at the sulphur factory and in the direction of the railroad. Two anti-aircraft batteries shelled the aeroplanes heavily, but they returned unharmed.

At the same time a reconnoitering torpedoboat squadron southeast of the mouth of the Po, met four enemy destroyers. A combat ensued at a great distance without effect since the enemy's superior speed did not allow a close approach. Several aeroplanes joined the combat and fired with machine guns at the enemy's ships.

Ravenna, an ancient city which has been prominent in medieval history, and where is the tomb of Dante, has been bombarded several times by Austrian aircraft. The city is not fortified.

FOUR MORE IRISH  
LEADERS EXECUTED

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entence commuted to eight years' imprisonment.

Two other prisoners, Francis Fahey and Richard Davis, were sentenced to 10 years.

James Connolly, another signer, who commanded the Irish army, lies in prison severely wounded.

William Pearse was a brother to the provisional president of the Irish republic.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE  
PROBES SULLIVAN'S CAREER

LONDON, May 5.—The Foreign Office, at the request of American Ambassador Page, today wired to Dublin for information concerning the arrest of James M. Sullivan, former United States Minister to Santo Domingo, in connection with the Dublin rebellion. Sullivan is now understood to be in an English prison.

It was reported today that a relative of Sullivan in Dublin was closely affiliated with the Sinn Fein movement.

U. S. STARTS INVESTIGATION  
OF ARRESTED ENVOY'S CASE

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The United States Embassy in London is making a complete investigation of the arrest of James M. Sullivan, former American minister to Santo Domingo, charged with complicity in the Irish uprising. A complete report of the case will be forwarded to this city as soon as possible, and then Secretary Lansing will decide what steps, if any, can be taken by this Government to release the former diplomat's plight.

Officials are seriously concerned over the arrest of Sullivan. He is extremely popular in Irish-American circles throughout the country and any drastic action against him by Great Britain would mean that his friends here would consider reprisals. They declare that while Sullivan has been an ardent advocate of Home Rule for Ireland all of his life, he has never advocated revolutionary tactics. His presence in Ireland, they say, was due to a desire to visit his birthplace in an effort to recover his health, impaired after serving as minister to Santo Domingo.

The State Department and the White House have received a large number of telegrams in behalf of Sullivan, urging that every effort be made to secure his immediate release.

It has become known today that Mrs. James Mark Sullivan, wife of the man once American Minister to the Dominican Republic, yesterday appealed to the State Department for assistance in an effort to obtain the release of her husband.

Mr. Sullivan left here for Ireland several months ago while he was still on the payroll of the State Department, as Minister to Santo Domingo. He was reported to be in Ireland to see his mother. Inquiries were made at the State Department yesterday regarding the whereabouts of St. John Conway, formerly United States Consul at Munich, who severed his connections with the State Department following charges that his conduct in Munich was unneutral.

Clean-up Days in Lower Merion

More than 375 wagonloads of dirt and rubbish were gathered during the two clean-up days on April 28 and 29 in Lower Merion township, according to reports turned in yesterday by John S. G. Duane, superintendent of highways, who directed the work.



HE'S A FIGUREHEAD  
Though he is Benjamin Franklin plainly enough as he stands in the yard of E. J. Howell, 2813 North 26th street.

VARE'S FIGHT AT SEASHORE  
DELAYED BY COMMISSION

Contest Over Atlantic City Residence Frontage Held Up by Board

ATLANTIC CITY, May 5.—The controversy between Congressman William S. Vare and Archibald Lambert over the right of the latter to erect an apartment house between Mr. Vare's Chelsea residence and the Boardwalk, has ceased to be a political issue so far as next Tuesday's election is concerned.

Mayor Riddle, who introduced a bill permitting Lambert to bulkhead and pave Berkeley square preliminary to building, sought to have the bill passed on a third reading at the final meeting of the Commission before the election. A rule of the body, requiring that measures substantially amended on second reading should lie over two weeks, prevented action. Lambert will have to look to the new city Commission, to be elected on Tuesday, for action.

Presbyterian Minister Ordained

With a "charge to the minister" delivered by his own brother, the Rev. James Gordon Gilkey was ordained last night at a special session of the presbytery of Chester in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, where he will become assistant to the Rev. Andrew Mutch, the pastor, after July 1.

'BON HOMME RICHARD'  
FIGURE HEAD RESTS ON  
LAWN IN THIS CITY

Counterpart of Benjamin Franklin, Taken From Famous Old Transatlantic Liner, Attracts Crowds

PRIDE OF NEIGHBORHOOD

"Bon Homme Richard," prototype of Paul Jones' immortal ship, stands sentinel on the lawn of the residence of E. J. Howell, at 2813 North 26th street, with the same stent watchfulness that marked an earlier eventful career as the figurehead of the transatlantic liner "Benjamin Franklin."

Of sturdy, enduring American yellow pine, this wooden counterpart of Benjamin Franklin has occupied his post on the Howell lawn for four years. Previously he had graced the yard of Mr. Howell's home in Belpport, Long Island. Passerby stop and contemplate the effigy and speculate upon its significance and history. Mr. Howell grew sentimental as he recounted his long possession of the trophy.

"Ben has been with us so long that he is 'one of the family,'" said Mr. Howell. "Originally he was the figurehead of the sidewheel steamship Benjamin Franklin, which was wrecked off the Long Island coast in 1856. The Franklin and another vessel were blown ashore near Belpport during a gale."

"The ribs of both ships still adorn the beach, and I have seen them many times." "Thomas W. Conklin, a diver, employed by the I. J. Merritt Wrecking Company, cut off the figurehead and brought it ashore. He kept it as a statue in front of his home until 30 years ago, when he gave it to Mrs. Howell, his niece. We set it up in our yard, and it became one of the sights of Belpport."

"When we moved to Philadelphia the Belpport citizens wanted to buy it and set it up in a city square, but I wouldn't sell 'Ben.' He is my bodyguard. He cannot be bought, for I wouldn't part with him at any price. I've set him up here, imbedded in a foundation of cement, and nobody can take him away. My home is his home. He will always be one of my family."

The statue shows no evidence of the ravages of time. It stands about six feet high and weighs 400 pounds. The likeness of the philosopher-statesman is excellent. The figure is clad in blue coat, yellow waistcoat, black knee breeches, white hose and black buckles shoes. The three-cornered hat is carried under the left arm. It is the pride of the neighborhood no less than of Mr. Howell and his household.

LEAGUE DROPS TWO CLUBS

Johnstown and Altoona Are No Longer on State Circuit

READING, Pa., May 5.—The Pennsylvania State League held a meeting here yesterday to arrange for the opening of the season May 10.

The Altoona team which reported here for practice was transferred to Edgewood Park, Shamokin. Johnstown and Altoona were dropped, giving the league a six-club circuit.

Shamokin opens at Reading, Lebanon at Lancaster and York at Harrisburg.

THREE RUSSIAN ARMIES  
MENACE TURKS IN ASIA

Czar's Columns Steadily Advancing on Baidur, Erzintian and Diarbekr

PETROGRAD, May 5.—Since the fall of Trebizond the three Russian army groups in Asia Minor have been making steady progress toward Baidur (82 miles northwest of Erzerum) Erzintian (110 miles west of Erzerum) and Diarbekr (on the Tigris, north of the Bagdad Railroad), and it seems highly probable that these three objectives of the Caucasian armies will be reached in the near future.

A majority of the Turkish forces and reinforcements are concentrated against the armies of the Russian center, prepared to defend Erzintian, and the next important engagement probably will be fought in this neighborhood.

A remarkable feature of the Russian operations in this theatre has been the close co-operation and the even character of the advance achieved by separate army groups from the Black Sea coast to Bitlis. Although separated by high mountain ranges and embarrassed by all sorts of topographical difficulties, the Russians have succeeded in conducting their movements in unison, defeating all Turkish designs to flank and cut off the sea coast forces from those operating elsewhere.

The daring Turkish plans for a resumption of the offensive and the recapture of lost territory in Armenia now appear to have collapsed, and the Turkish campaign seemingly has become purely a defensive one. The sole aim of the Turks at present apparently is to defend the three strongly fortified points at Baidur, Erzintian and Diarbekr against a further Russian advance.

The local Turkish offensive in the Urumiah region, as reported officially, is regarded as an isolated maneuver, and without important relation to the main situation.

Philadelphia Golfers Qualify

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—John B. Maxwell, Jr., of the Merion Golf Club, and C. H. Williams, of the Philadelphia Country Club, were the only outside golfers making the first flight in the 16-hole postal qualifying round for the U. S. Open Golf Championship, played yesterday. Maxwell's score was 76, just below the low qualifying score existing between H. C. Chamberlain, of the Columbia Club, and Thomas DePuey, of the Lancaster Golf Club, each with a 75. Williams got

COST \$20 TO SHOOT DOG

Chester Woman Killed Animal for Spoiling Flower Beds

A verdict for \$20 has been awarded by the Chester County Court to Thomas H. Ryan for the loss of a dog, shot by a neighbor. The defendant in the suit was William H. Mitchell and his wife.

The woman shot the dog, she testified, after he had spoiled her flower beds and chased her rabbits. Judge Johnson ruled that an individual is justified in shooting a dog that wanders upon his or her premises only after the animal has refused to be chased by peaceful methods. Witnesses differed as to the value of the pet, one testifying that he was worth \$20, while another tried to assure the Court that he could have been sold without difficulty for at least \$300. The award was made yesterday.

RECORDS 49c

16-Kind Double Face EVERYBODY'S RECORD Red Seal Records Reduced Proportionately Open Even. 100 N. 10th St.

Lit Brothers advertisement for silk gloves and stockings. Includes prices for various styles and locations: Market, Eighth, Filbert, Seventh.

Men's \$18.50 Pinch-Back Spring Suits advertisement. Features a man in a suit and text describing the quality and price of the clothing.

Boys' Wash Suits advertisement. Includes prices for various styles and text describing the quality and price of the clothing.

May White Sale advertisement. Includes prices for various styles of white frocks and hats, and text describing the quality and price of the clothing.

Cunningham Piano Co. advertisement. Includes a list of piano models and prices, and text describing the quality and price of the instruments.

Time for Oxfords, too advertisement. Includes an image of an Oxford shoe and text describing the quality and price of the footwear.